

school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools; providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and further prescribing the duty and authority of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made; declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 6 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 539, "An Act creating and incorporating the Lipscomb Independent School District in Lipscomb county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 6 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 432, "An Act to increase the limits of the Sweetwater Independent School District by adding thereto certain territory from adjoining districts, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 6 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

(Friday, March 2, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby.	McMillin.
Baker.	Martin.
Beard of Harris.	Meador.
Beard of Milam.	Mendell.
Beasley.	Metcalf.
Beason.	Miller of Austin.
Bedell.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Moore.
Bertram.	Morris.
Blackburn.	Murrell.
Blackmon.	Neeley.
Blalock.	Neill.
Bland.	Nichols.
Bledsoe.	Nordhaus.
Boner.	O'Banion.
Brown.	O'Brien.
Bryan.	Osborne.
Bryant.	Parks.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peyton.
Butler.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Raiden.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Richards.
Cox.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Russell.
Davis	Sackett.
of Van Zandt.	Sallas.
De Bogory.	Sentell.
Denton.	Schlesinger.
Dodd.	Schlosshan.
Dudley.	Scholl.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Hopkins.
Florer.	Smith of Scurry.
Fly.	Spencer of Nolan.
Greenwood.	Spencer of Wise.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Hardey.	Stewart.
Harris.	Swope.
Hartman.	Taylor.
Hawkins.	Templeton.
Hill.	Terrell.
Holland.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Thomason
Lacey.	of Nacogdoches.
Laney.	Thompson
Lange.	of Hunt.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Red River.
Lindemann.	Tillotson.
Lowe	Tilson.
of McMullen.	Tinner.
Low	Trayler.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McComb.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	Valentine.
McDowra.	Veatch.
McFarland.	Walker.

White. Wilson.
Williams Woods.
of McLennan. Woodul.
Williford. Yantis.

Absent.

Cates. Johnson.
Fisher. Monday.

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn. Williams
Wahrmund. of Brazoria.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain, as follows:

Almighty God, we come to Thee on this historic day. We acknowledge Thee as the one true and living God, the Father of us all. Thou didst give to us this great State; Thou didst give to the State the immortal men who, through Thy leadership, made it great; Thou canst imbue with power this Legislature to perpetuate their greatness and to achieve yet greater things. We pray Thee to possess these men with some of Thy great power that they may be strong, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Williams of Brazoria, for today, on motion of Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. Woods, for yesterday evening, on motion of Mr. McComb.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Veatch:

H. B. No. 797, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 72, Local and Special Laws of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, said chapter being 'An Act to create a special road law for Johnson county,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Denton and Mr. O'Brien:

H. B. No. 798, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of purchasing and preparing markers of Texas granite, transporting

same and placing the same along the old San Antonio road, sometimes referred to as the King's Highway, from the point where the same crosses the boundary between Texas and Louisiana; to pay any and all necessary and proper expenses connected with the purchasing, preparation, transportation and placing of said markers, and to be expended under the direction of the Governor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Pope:

H. B. No. 799, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Port Aransas, in Nueces county, Texas, by releasing the inhabitants thereof and the property therein from the payment of State and valorem taxes for a period of five years."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Reeves:

H. B. No. 800, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Denison, Grayson county, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College to be known as the Munson Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Lee:

H. B. No. 801, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, and as amended by Senate bill No. 195, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. De Bogory:

H. B. No. 802, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District, and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Scholl, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Poage:

H. B. No. 803, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4, of Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 830a, empowering cities and

towns incorporated under the general law, and those to be incorporated under the general law, and the commissioners courts of the several counties to make rules and regulations by ordinance and order affecting the control and elimination of contagious and infectious diseases, and prescribing rules of health as a prerequisite for admission to institutions of learning, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 414, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 354, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Holland, it was ordered that House bill No. 711 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Poage, it was ordered that House bill No. 767 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Nordhaus, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 109 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Pope, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 160 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Hudspeth, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 430 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. White, it was ordered that House bill No. 795 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 204 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was ordered that House bill No. 796 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Canales, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 433 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Florer, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 161 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 95 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Milam, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 357 be not printed.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Lange, Senate bill No. 237 was set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Wednesday, March 7.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Yantis, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 361, reported unfavorably, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Boner, it was ordered that House bill No. 656, reported unfavorably, be printed.

PAPER READ BY HON. GEORGE B. TERRELL.

The Speaker stated that Hon. George B. Terrell had been invited to read today, Texas Independence Day, the State paper known as "The Appeal to the Powers," written by his grandfather, Hon. G. W. Terrell.

Mr. Terrell, being then presented to the House by the Speaker, read the following paper, which, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus, was ordered printed in the Journal:

"Department of State, Texas,
Washington, Oct. 15, 1842.

"I am instructed by His Excellency, the President, to submit for your consideration and action a subject of general concern to civilized nations, but of peculiar interest to Texas, viz.: The character of the war at present waged by Mexico against this country. The president is led to believe, from the nature of the facts involved, that this step will be deemed not only admissible but entirely proper. The civil and Christian world are interested in the unimpaired preservation of those principles and rules of international intercourse, both in peace and war, which have received the impress of wisdom and humanity, and been strengthened through a long course of time, by the practice and approval of the most powerful and enlightened of modern States. To these rules, in their application to the pending difficulties between this Republic and Mexico, your attention is respectfully invited.

"Whenever a people, separate and sovereign in their political character, are admitted into great community of nations, they incur responsibilities and contract obligations which are reciprocal in their character, and naturally

binding upon all the members of this community, the extent and force of which depend upon that code of ethics which prescribes the reciprocal duties and obligations of each sovereign member. Hence arises the rights to control the mode of warfare pursued by one nation toward another, and the corresponding duty of providing against the perpetration of acts at variance with the laws of humanity, and the settled usages of civilized nations.

"In view of the character of hostilities, at present waged by Mexico against Texas, and of those principles which have been, in the opinion of this government, so frequently and so flagrantly violated by our enemy, the hope is confidently indulged by the President that the direct interference of nations mutually friendly will be extended to arrest a species of warfare unbecoming the age in which we live, and disgraceful to any people professing to be civilized.

"The course of conduct uniformly observed by the government and people of Texas towards our enemy, stands in palpable contrast with their manifold enormities and wanton aggression, and will, it is confidently expected, furnish abundant ground for the exercise of the right of interference now invoked.

"It has now been nearly seven years since the declaration and the establishment of the independence of this Republic. During the whole of this time Mexico, although uniformly asserting the ability and determination to resubjugate the country, has never made a formidable effort to do so. Her principal war has consisted of silly taunts and idle threats, of braggadocio bulletins and gasconading proclamations. All her boasted threats of invasion have resulted in nothing more than fitting out and sending into the most exposed portions of our territory petty marauding parties, for the purpose of pillaging and harassing the weak and isolated settlements on our western border.

"Since March last no less than three incursions of that character have been made, none of which have continued longer than eight days. The first party was composed of artillery, infantry, rancheros, and Indian warriors, in all about 700. Their attack was made upon the defenseless town of San Antonio. The second, consisting of about 800, attacked a party of about 200 emigrants at Lipantillan. They were repulsed with loss, and retreated out of the country. The last, under General Wall, of about 1300, attacked and took San Antonio the second time, by sur-

prise, during the session of the district court. His force was composed of regulars, rancheros and Indians. The Indians employed by the Mexicans are fragments of bands originally from the United States, but now located within the limits of Texas. This government has always refused to employ the services of Indians, when tendered, against Mexico, and has sought every possible means to mitigate, rather than increase, the calamities of war. Persisting in this effort, the President has had recourse to the present measure, with a hope to subserve the cause of humanity. Should this effort fail, the government must resort to retaliatory measures, growing out of our peculiar situation, which are to be deprecated by every Christian and generous feeling. The rulers of nations are responsible for their preservation, and, as a last resort, must adopt a just retaliation. What is most to be deplored in a war of this character is that the unoffending and defenseless become victims of the most relentless cruelty. War, in its most generous and noble aspect, is accompanied by great calamities. Nations are not benefited by it, and it must be productive of great individual sufferings. But when individuals and nations are exasperated by repeated wrongs, even cruelty itself may be rendered tolerable, if it be used as retaliation for injuries long endured. The massacres and cruelties which have been inflicted upon Texas, since the commencement of her revolution, have been responded to by a generous forbearance, but that can not be expected longer to exist.

"The object of Mexico, in her course, can not be misunderstood. By incursions of the character complained of, the spirits of our husbandmen and farmers are depressed—the cry of invasion is kept up, and the excitement incidental to war prevents emigration, and embarrasses our resources, by deterring men of enterprise and capital from making importations of goods into our country. This, for a time, may avail her something, but the aggregate of human suffering will be a poor recompense for the advantages she may gain. The origin, genius and character of the people of Texas are guarantees for her ultimate success. Nations that contribute to her advancement will command her gratitude. Never, since 1836, has Mexico attempted anything like a general invasion of the country, or conducted the war upon any plan calculated to test the superiority of the two nations on the field of battle, and bring the war to a close by the arbitration of arms.

Her hostile demonstrations, thus far, have consisted, exclusively, in the clandestine approach of small bands of rancheros from the valley of the Rio Grande, for plunder and theft, but sometimes associated with fragments of the Mexican army, composed for the most part of convict soldiery, fit for nothing either honorable in enterprise or magnanimous in conduct. The people of Texas, being, for the most part, agriculturists, engage in the tillage of the soil, the consequences of this predatory system of warfare have been to them extremely vexatious and harassing, without in any degree hastening the adjustment of the difficulties existing between the parties. Entirely different is the general character of the Mexican population. They are literally a nation of herdsmen, subsisting, in a great measure, on the proceeds of their flocks and herds. They can move about from place to place, and make their homes wherever inclination or convenience may prompt, without detriment.

"Hitherto, the conduct and disposition of the government and people of Mexico have been diametrically opposed to those manifested by the people of Texas. While the one has been depredating upon the property and dwellings of our exposed and defenseless frontier, murdering the inhabitants in cold blood or forcing them away into a loathsome and too often fatal, captivity, inciting the murderous tribes of hostile Indians, who reside along our northern border, to plunder our exposed settlements, stimulating to the most cruel and barbarous massacres, and inhuman butcheries, even of our defenseless women and children, and to commit every excess of savage warfare—the other, animated by the hope of a further resort to arms and their attendant calamities, for injuries received, returned forbearance.

"The President has sought to abstain from the effusion of blood, and in that aim has uniformly restrained the impetuosity and calmed the excitement of his countrymen, so often aroused by a course of conduct which violates every right, both private and national, and a cruelty and depravity which would disgrace the darkest ages of feudal barbarism. The popular impulse might have been turned upon the enemy on their own soil. The result might have proved that a free people, burning with vengeance long restrained, could levy a heavy retaliation.

"Such being the character of hostile operations against Texas, on the part of our enemy, which being plainly violative of every principle of civilized or honorable warfare, and, at the same time,

so little calculated to achieve the professed object of the war—the reconquest of Texas, the President confidently hopes your government will feel not only justified, but even called upon, to interpose its high authority and arrest their course of proceedings, and require of Mexico either the recognition of the independence of Texas, or to make war upon her according to the rules established and universally recognized by civilized nations. If Mexico believes herself able to resubjugate this country, her right to make the effort to do so is not denied, for, on the contrary, if she choose to invade our territory with that purpose, the President, in the name of the people of all Texas, will bid her welcome. It is not against a war with Mexico that Texas would protest. This she deprecates not. She is willing at any time to stake her existence as a nation upon the issue of a war conducted on Christian principles. It is alone against the unholy, inhuman and fruitless character it has assumed, and still maintains, which violates every rule of honorable warfare, every precept of religion, and sets at defiance even the common sentiments of humanity, against which she protests, and invokes the interposition of those powerful nations which have recognized her independence.

"The government of this Republic has already given an earnest of its disposition to consult the wishes of other nations, when those wishes do not conflict with the general interests and convenience of the country. Fully appreciating the friendly sentiments of those powers which have acknowledged the independence of Texas, and relying much upon their ability and influence in securing an early and permanent adjustment of our difficulties with Mexico, the President, in compliance with the desire of those nations, expressed through their representative to this government, revoked the late proclamation of blockade against Mexico, and thus removed every cause of embarrassment to those nations in their intercourse with our enemy. Having thus yielded the opportunity of retaliating upon our enemy the many injuries we have received at her hands, the President feels less reluctance in making this representation, and invoking the interposition of those nations to put an end to a mode of warfare at once disgraceful to the age, so evil in its consequences to civil society, so revolting to every precept of the Christian religion, and shocking to every sentiment of humanity.

"G. W. TERRELL,
"Attorney General and Acting Secretary of State."

Pending reading of the paper by Mr. Terrill, Mr. Bryan occupied the chair temporarily.

ASSIGNMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Jones as a member of the Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections in place of Mr. Wahrmond, resigned.

ADDRESS BY HON. J. M. LINDSAY.

The Speaker stated that Hon. J. M. Lindsay, a member of the Ninth Legislature, who has been invited to address the House today, is now present, and that Mr. Lindsay would be asked to address the House at this time.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Murrell and Mr. Bryan to escort Mr. Lindsay to the Speaker's stand.

Mr. Murrell, at the request of the Speaker, then presented Mr. Lindsay, who addressed the House.

RELATING TO ABSENCE OF CERTAIN MEMBERS.

Mr. Blackmon offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On yesterday, March 1st, a resolution was introduced charging certain members of the House of Representatives with absenting themselves without leave, for the purpose of impeding the action of the House, and providing for the expulsion of such members; and

Whereas, Under the rules, the said resolution was referred to the Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections; and

Whereas, This committee is without authority to make a full and complete investigation, should it deem it necessary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections shall have the power and authority to employ such clerks and stenographers as it may deem necessary and the authority to call upon the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives to enforce its orders, and for service of process. That the said committee be and the same is hereby vested with all powers now vested in the district courts of this State to issue process, summon witnesses, to take and have taken depositions in such manner and under such rules as the committee may prescribe. That each member of said committee be and is hereby vested with

the power to administer oaths and shall have power to take and keep a record of any and all proceedings which may be had during said investigation; that the sessions of said committee shall be open, and it is hereby authorized to sit and hold its sessions at any place within the State of Texas for the purpose of securing evidence and taking testimony of witnesses; that each member of said committee shall have the right and it is hereby made the duty of said committee to interrogate any and all witnesses which may be brought before it to develop the full truth and all the facts pertinent to the investigation and report as provided under the rules of the House. The report of said committee shall contain a correct and accurate transcript of all proceedings had in and before said committee, giving questions, answers, objections to the evidence and rulings thereon, names of parties and witnesses, and the recommendations and findings of said committee shall be recorded at length in the Journal of the House. All witness fees, mileage and other necessary expenses of said committee to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House upon accounts duly approved by the chairman of said committee.

Signed—Blackmon, Ventch, Butler, Bertram, Russell, Baker.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Spradley moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution indefinitely.

Mr. Woods moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Spradley, the House, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to S. B. No. 379.

The Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 425, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing additional duties for the county attorney of Wichita county, and fixing his compensation for same."

H. B. No. 624, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Abernathy Independent School District situated in Hale and Lubbock counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 640, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Wheeler Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 15, Providing for the appointment of a committee to draft a bill embodying a complete revision of the Statutes of this State relating to ad valorem taxation, together with such amendments, changes and additions as will provide an efficient law upon the subject, and providing a more efficient system for collection of delinquent taxes, providing a method to prevent double renditions of property and a more efficient system of bookkeeping for tax collectors, assessors and Comptroller; providing for the employment of an assistant and stenographer; authorizing the payment of salaries from the contingent expense fund of the House and Senate.

S. B. No. 385, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Jim Wells county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Jim Wells county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, 1915, relating to the pay of jail guards, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so that hereafter said sections of Chapter 106 shall provide in substance for fixing the salaries of the members of the State Fire Insurance Commission; to limit the expenditures of said Commission in any one year to the sum produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth per cent of the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State; prescribing certain duties and powers of the State Fire Insurance Commission and the members thereof with respect to the fixing and

promulgating of rates of premium, investigation of fires, and correction of fire hazards, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7491, Chapter 10, Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to authorize the Comptroller to appoint and contract with persons to collect inheritance taxes, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation for the purpose of purchasing and installing a storage tank and other facilities to store and convey oil from the Southwest Texas State Normal, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 311, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the county commissioners court of Grayson county, Texas, to appropriate money for the purpose of using additional farm demonstration agents and for a canning club demonstration agent."

S. B. No. 447, a special road law for Colorado county, Texas.

S. B. No. 451, a special road law for Johnson county, Texas.

H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Woden Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 408, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7355, Chapter 1, Title 126, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, by adding thereto Section 41, etc."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

RELATING TO ABSENCE OF CERTAIN MEMBERS.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being the resolution by Mr. Blackmon and others, relating to the absence of certain members of the House, with motion by Mr. Spradley to postpone further consideration of the resolution indefinitely and motion by Mr. Woods to lay the resolution on the table subject to call, pending.

Mr. Woods withdrew the motion to lay on the table subject to call.

Mr. Templeton moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—73.

Bagby.	Miller of Dallas.
Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Blackburn.	Neeley.
Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	Osborne.
Brown.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Carlock.	Pope.
Cates.	Richards.
Cox.	Robertson.
Davis of Grimes.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Dunnam.	Scholl.
Fisher.	Sholars.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Bastrop.
Florer.	Spencer of Nolan.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Hardey.	Swope.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Templeton.
Hill.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Tinner.
Lindemann.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Walker.
Low	Williams
of Washington.	of McLennan.
McCoy.	Wilson.
Meador.	Woodul.
Mendell.	Yantis.
Miller of Austin.	

Nays—37.

Baker.	Neill.
Beasley.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	O'Brien.
Blackmon.	Peddy.
Boner.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Raiden.
Butler.	Reeves.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Russell.
Davis.	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Schlosshan.
Estes.	Seawright.
Fly.	Smith of Hopkins.
Laney.	Spencer of Wise.
Lee.	Stewart.
McMillin.	Thomas.
Murrell.	Tilson.

Trayler.	Williford.
Veatch.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Burton of Rusk.	Nichols.
McComb.	Thompson
Martin.	of Hunt.

Absent.

Beason.	Hawkins.
Bedell.	Johnson.
Bell.	McDowra.
Bledsoe.	McFarland.
Bryant.	Metcalfe.
Canales.	Monday.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Terrell.
Dodd.	Upchurch.
Fairchild.	White.
Greenwood.	

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn.	Williams
Wahrmund.	of Brazoria.

Reasons for Votes.

I vote "yea" believing the people of Hunt county will attend to Mr. Nichols.
TINNER.

I understand that the other resolution relating to this question has been referred to a committee and that this committee has asked for no additional powers, I see no reason why the present resolution should be adopted at this time. Should the committee ask for additional powers, the question would be different.

ROBERTSON.

Mr. Spradley moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 11.

Mr. Boner called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the request of the Senate for a Free Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 11.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

Question—Shall the request be granted?

Mr. Boner moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed.

RELATING TO CERTAIN STATE INSTITUTIONS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 13, Providing for the appointment of committees of the Senate and House to investigate the conflicts now existing in the work of the various State institutions.

The resolution was read second time and was lost.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation to cover authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1916, and to cover authorized deficiencies for a portion of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

The bill having been read second time on Friday, February 23.

On motion of Mr. Peyton, the bill was laid upon the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the sale of, and defining, agricultural seeds and mixed seeds; requiring their proper labeling; prohibiting mixture of seeds unless so labeled; providing for the collection of samples and their examination; defining noxious weeds and foreign matter; providing that certificate of analysis by the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be prima facie evidence in certain cases, and regulating the measure of damages, designating an officer for the enforcement of the law; providing for the expense and enforcement of the law, and fixing penalties for its violation,"

The bill having been read second time on Friday, January 26.

House bill No. 8 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

H. J. R. No. 27, Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing

for the levy of a special school tax to provide free text-books in the public schools of the State of Texas; proposing to amend Article 7 of the Constitution by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 16.

The resolution was read third time.

Mr. Miller of Austin offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 27 by striking out all after Section 1 of the resolution down to and including line 21, and insert in lieu thereof "That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution be so changed as to read as follows; creating a new Section 3:

"Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text-books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties.

"And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts, and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equip-

ment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns, constituting separate and independent school districts."

Pending reading of the amendment, Mr. Sentell occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Woods moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution until 10 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday.

The motion to postpone was lost.

Question recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. Miller of Austin offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Insert after the words "school tax," page 1, line 28, the words "for the maintenance of the public schools of the State and," and the same wording to be inserted after the words "school tax" in line 32, page 1, "against the maintenance of the public schools of the State and."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Miller of Austin offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the caption to read as follows: "A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Section 3, providing for a 35-cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing free text-books in the public schools of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor."

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution failed to pass by the following vote:

Yeas—94.

Mr. Speaker.	Boner.
Bagby.	Brown.
Beard of Harris.	Bryan.
Beard of Milam.	Bryant.
Beasley.	Burton of Rusk.
Beason.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bedell.	Butler.
Bell.	Cadenhead.
Blackburn.	Canales.
Blac mon.	Carlock.
Blalock.	Clark.
Bland.	Cox.
Bledsoe.	Crudgington.

Davis of Grimes.	Pillow.
Davis.	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
De Bogory.	Richards.
Dudley.	Robertson.
Fisher.	Roemer.
Fitzpatrick.	Rogers.
Florer.	Russell.
Fly.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Sentell.
Hawkins.	Schlesinger.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Holland.	Scholl.
Hudspeth.	Sholars.
Jones.	Smith of Bastrop.
Laas.	Smith of Hopkins.
Laney.	Smith of Scurry.
Lange.	Spencer of Wise.
Low.	Swope.
of Washington.	Templeton.
McFarland.	Thomas.
Martin.	Thomason.
Meador.	of El Paso.
Mendell.	Thomason.
Metcalfe.	of Nacogdoches.
Miller of Austin.	Thompson.
Miller of Dallas.	of Hunt.
Moore.	Tillotson.
Morris.	Tilson.
Neeley.	Tinner.
Neill.	Tschoepe.
Nichols.	Valentine.
Nordhaus.	Walker.
O'Banion.	White.
Osborne.	Woodul.
Parks.	Yantis.
Peddy.	

Nays—34.

Baker.	O'Brien.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Cope.	Raiden.
Dunnam.	Reeves.
Estes.	Seawright.
Greenwood.	Spencer of Nolan.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Harris.	Stewart.
Hartman.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Thompson.
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Traylor.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
Lowe.	Williams.
of McMullen.	of McLennan.
McComb.	Williford.
McDowry.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murrell.	

Absent.

Cates.	McCoy.
Davis of Dallas.	Monday.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	Upchurch.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn. Williams
Wahrmund. of Brazoria.

Mr. Spradley moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution failed to pass and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2.

Mr. Fly called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway Commission and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the Commission and of the Engineer, and fixing the compensation of each; prescribing reciprocal duties for the Commission and for the commissioners courts; directing the Commission to plan and adopt a comprehensive system of State highways, and to promote the construction thereof by co-operation with the counties and by the Commission; authorizing a policy of State aid to counties in road construction, and to the inauguration of a plan of rewards to the counties for the construction of the more durable types of highways; directing co-operation of the department with the Federal government in the utilization of any funds appropriated by Congress in aid of road construction in this State; authorizing the working of State prisoners on State highways under conditions that may be agreed upon by the Highway Commission and the Prison Commission and approved by the government; providing for the support of the department by State registration of all motor vehicles and motorcycles, and for the distribution to the counties of a part of the moneys received from such registration fees; providing for the furnishing of identification numbers to motor vehicles and motorcycles and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provision for registration and identification of such vehicle; making an appropriation to inaugurate the work of the department as provided in this act, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House.

Mr. Fly moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a Free Conference Committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Fly moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to concur, etc., and to table the motion to reconsider.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—80.

Bagby.	McComb.
Baker.	McCoy.
Beard of Harris.	Martin.
Beard of Milam.	Meador.
Beasley.	Mendell.
Bell.	Metcalfe.
Blackburn.	Miller of Austin.
Blackmon.	Miller of Dallas.
Bland.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Morris.
Boner.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Nichols.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Butler.	Pillow.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Richards.
Crudgington.	Robertson.
Davis of Grimes.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Sackett.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Dunnam.	Schlesinger.
Fisher.	Schlosshan.
Florer.	Scholl.
Fly.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Bastrop.
Haidusek.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hardey.	Spencer of Nolan.
Harris.	Spradley.
Hartman.	Swope.
Hill.	Templeton.
Holland.	Thomason
Jones.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Valentine.
Lindemann.	Walker.
Lowe	White.
of McMullen.	Wilson.
Low	Woodul.
of Washington.	

Nays—45.

Bertram.	Johnson.
Blalock.	Laney.
Brown.	Lee.
Burton of Rusk.	McDowra.
Cadenhead.	McMillin.
Clark.	Neeley.
Cope.	Neill.
Cox.	O'Banion.
Davis	O'Brien.
of Van Zandt.	Osborne.
Estes.	Peddy.
Hawkins.	Peyton.
Hudspeth.	Poage.

Raiden.	Thomason
Reeves.	of Nacogdoches.
Rogers.	Thompson
Russell.	of Hunt.
Sentell.	Thompson
Seawright.	of Red River.
Smith of Scurry.	Tinner.
Spencer of Wise.	Trayler.
Stewart.	Veatch.
Taylor.	Williford.
Thomas.	Woods.
	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Bedell.

Absent.

Beason.	McFarland.
Cates.	Monday.
Davis of Dallas.	Terrell.
Denton.	Upchurch.
Dodd.	Williams
Fairchild.	of McLennan.
Fitzpatrick.	

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn.	Williams
Wahrmund.	of Brazoria.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Tillotson, Bland, Bryan, Carlock and Fly.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its final passage,

H. J. R. No. 31, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 5 thereof, pertaining to the judicial department of the State of Texas, fixing the date for the election to be held hereunder and making an appropriation to pay expenses of said election.

The resolution having been read third time on Saturday, February 24.

Mr. De Bogory offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31 by adding right after Section 4 the following: "Juries in misdemeanor cases and in civil cases involving less than one thousand dollars may be composed of six men."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Osborne offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31 by striking out the words "county court" in resolution wherever they occur and insert in lieu thereof the words "superior court," and strike out the words "county

judge" and "county judges" and insert "superior judge" and "superior judges" in resolution wherever they occur so the court established will be "superior court" instead of "county court" and the judge "superior judge" instead of "county judge."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. McDowra offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31, Section 4, line 39, by adding after "residence" the following: "Providing that where two or more district judges reside in the same county and where only one county judge is required, the older in point of service shall act as county judge."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend said House joint resolution by striking out all after the enacting clause and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. The judicial power of this State shall be vested in one Supreme Court, in district courts, in county courts, in commissioners courts, in courts of justices of the peace, and in such other courts as may be established by general laws. The Criminal District Courts of Harris county, Dallas county, Bexar county and other criminal district courts shall continue with their district organization as at present, except that their jurisdiction in criminal matters shall coincide with that of the district courts provided herein, but subject to such changes as may be made by law. The Legislature may establish such other courts as it may deem necessary and prescribe the organization and jurisdiction thereof, and may conform the jurisdiction of the district and other inferior courts thereto.

Sec. 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a chief justice and associate justices, which number may be increased or decreased by law. The court shall be divided into five sections or divisions, each of which shall constitute a working body, two of which shall constitute a quorum, and to each division shall be assigned by the chief justice, the particular labors which it shall perform. The decision of a division shall be deemed a decision of the court, and judgment shall be based thereon, unless the matter is brought before the court en banc and revised thereby under such rules as may be prescribed by the court en banc. The decision of a majority of such court en

bane shall be the judgment of the court except in cases wherein a statute may be declared unconstitutional, in whole or in part, in which case, two thirds of the entire court shall concur in the rendition of such judgment.

Sec. 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of chief justice or associate justice of the Supreme Court unless he shall at the time of his election be a citizen of the United States and of this State and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty-five years and shall have been a practicing lawyer or such lawyer and a judge of a court of record of this State for at least ten years prior to his election. Said chief justice and associate justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State and shall hold their office for six years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars until otherwise provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of chief justice or of associate justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment, subject to confirmation by the Senate, until the next general election. The Supreme Court, as first organized hereunder, shall consist of the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court, the justices of the Court of Criminal Appeals in office at the time this amendment shall go into effect, and the chief justices of the present courts of Civil Appeals at said time. The Supreme Court shall hold its sessions in the State Capitol at the city of Austin, and shall sit for the transaction of business from the first Monday in October of each year until the last Saturday in July of the next year, inclusive. The Supreme Court shall have such jurisdiction, civil and criminal, coextensive with the limits of the State, as may be provided by law. The Supreme Court shall also have power upon affidavit or otherwise as may be by the court determined, to ascertain such matter of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. Said court shall appoint a clerk and such deputies as may be needed, who shall give bond as is now or may hereafter be provided by law, and such clerk shall hold his office for four years, subject to removal by said court, for good cause entered of record on the minutes of the court, and such clerk and deputies shall receive such compensation as may be provided by the Legislature.

Sec. 4. Judicial Districts and Judges.—The State shall be divided into as many

judicial districts as now provided or may hereafter be provided by law, and such number of districts may be changed, increased or diminished as may be provided by law. For each district there shall be elected at a general election one or more judges, each of whom shall be a citizen of the United States and of this State, who shall have been a practicing lawyer of this State or such practicing lawyer and judge of a court of record in this State for six years next preceding his election. He shall reside in his district and shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars, until otherwise changed by law and shall hold his office for a term of four years. Regular terms of court shall be held by a district judge in each county at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall provide for the holding of the district court when the judge is absent, disabled or disqualified from acting. District judges in office when this amendment takes effect shall hold their offices until their respective terms shall expire. The Supreme Court shall have general supervision of the district judges of the State and shall by proper regulations provide for systematic and regular annual reports from each judge, covering the business transacted by him during the year, with such information in regard thereto as may be deemed proper by the said Supreme Court and amongst other items so reported, shall be the terms of court held by each judge, the number of weeks and days devoted thereto, the average hours of service and any suggestions looking to the improvement of practice and procedure in his court. The Supreme Court may also, in its discretion, assign district judges to counties other than their home districts to hold court in other districts, but such service shall not be required outside of a judge's home district for more than three months in any one year. The Supreme Court may call into consultation at such times and periods as may be deemed appropriate, the various district judges of the State, either of the entire State or of any supreme judicial district thereof, for the purpose of considering the conditions prevailing in regard to the business of the courts and the improvement of practice and procedure. The district court shall have original jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases, except as provided herein and as may hereafter be provided by law. It shall have appellate jurisdiction and general supervision over the county court, the county commissioners court

and other inferior courts, under such rules and regulations as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law, and the judges thereof shall have the power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction and certiorari and all other writs that may be necessary to enforce their jurisdiction. The district courts shall have original jurisdiction over all causes of action whatsoever for which a remedy or jurisdiction is not specifically provided by law or in this Constitution, and such other jurisdiction, original and appellate as is now provided or may hereafter be provided by law.

Sec. 5. County Courts and the Judges Thereof.—There shall be established in each organized county in this State a county court, which shall be a court of record, and there shall be elected in each such county by the qualified voters thereof, a county judge, who shall be a citizen of the United States and of this State, a resident for two years or more in the county for which he is elected, and who shall be a practicing lawyer of this State, with a practice of four years next preceding such election, or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a period of four years prior to such election. He shall hold office for a term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall be a conservator of the peace, and shall receive as compensation a salary to be fixed by the Legislature, which need not be uniform throughout the State, but may be based on the population and the amount of business of the respective counties, such salary not to be less than twelve hundred dollars annually nor more than \$3000 annually. The present county judges shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms and the election and qualification of their successors. In case of a vacancy in the office, the vacancy shall be filled by the commissioners court of the county until the next general election. When the county judge is disqualified or unable to act in any case pending in the county court, the parties interested may by consent appoint a proper person to try such case, or upon their failure to do so, a competent person may be appointed in such manner as may be provided by law.

Sec. 6. Jurisdiction and Powers of the County Court.—The county court shall have the general original jurisdiction of a probate court; it shall probate wills, appoint guardians of minors, of idiots, lunatics, persons non compos mentis and of common drunkards; grant letters testamentary and of administration; settle

accounts of executors and administrators, transact all business pertaining to the estates of deceased persons, minors, idiots, lunatics, persons non compos mentis and common drunkards, including the settlement of estates, partition and distribution of estates of deceased persons; and may apprentice minors as may be provided by law. The county court or judge thereof may issue writs of injunction, mandamus, and all writs necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. County courts may have such appellate jurisdiction as may be provided by law. The county judge shall also be ex-officio the presiding judge of the county commissioners court and have all the authority now or hereafter to be conferred on him as such presiding judge by law. The Legislature may increase or diminish the jurisdiction of the county court from time to time if deemed expedient and necessary.

Sec. 7. Commissioners Courts.—Each county shall be divided into four commissioners precincts, which division shall have due consideration for conditions of territory, population and compactness, and may be altered when deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members of the court including the county judge, provided that the present division in each county is hereby approved and confirmed. One commissioner shall be elected at a general election by the qualified voters in each precinct, and shall hold his office for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Vacancies to be filled by the remaining members of the court at a regular meeting until the next general election. Said commissioners shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law, which may differ in different counties, as may be based on business and population. The four county commissioners so elected shall, with the county judge as presiding officer thereof, constitute the county commissioners court, which shall have and exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State or may hereafter be conferred.

Sec. 8. Grand and petit juries in the district court shall be composed of twelve men, but nine members of the grand jury shall be a quorum to transact business and present bills of indictment. In the trial of all causes in all courts of original jurisdiction, except the Supreme Court, the plaintiff or defendant shall have the right of trial by jury as may be prescribed by law. In the trial of civil cases and in the trial of criminal

cases below the grade of felony in the district courts, nine members of the jury concurring may render a verdict, but when the verdict shall be rendered by a less number than the whole number, it shall be signed by each member of the jury concurring therein; provided, that the Legislature may change or modify the rule authorizing less than the whole number of the jury to render a verdict. When pending the trial of any case, one or more jurors, not exceeding three, may die or be disabled from sitting, the remainder of the jury shall have the power to render a verdict. Juries in county courts and in courts of the justices of the peace shall be composed of six men.

Sec. 9. No judge shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested or where either of the parties may be connected with him by affinity or consanguinity within such degree as may be prescribed by law, or when he shall have been of counsel in the case. When the Supreme Court or any member thereof shall be thus disqualified to hear and determine any cause of action before said court, the same shall be certified to the Governor of the State, who shall immediately commission the requisite number of persons learned in the law for the trial and determination of such cause or causes, but should a division or a member of a division of the Supreme Court be thus disqualified, then the chief justice of the Supreme Court may assign said cause or causes to some other division thereof. The disqualification of judges or inferior tribunals shall be remedied and vacancies in office filled as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. 10. In the trial of all causes in the district courts, the plaintiff or defendant shall, upon application made in open court, have the right of trial by jury; but no jury shall be impaneled in any civil case unless demanded by a party to the case and a jury fee be paid by the party demanding a jury for such sum and with such exceptions as may be prescribed by the Legislature.

Sec. 11. All judges of courts of this State shall, by virtue of their office, be conservators of the peace throughout the State. The style of all writs and process shall be "The State of Texas." All prosecutions shall be carried on in the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, and shall conclude "against the peace and dignity of the State."

Sec. 12. The Supreme Court shall have the power to make and establish rules of pleading, practice and procedure not inconsistent with the laws of the

State for the government of all courts of this State to expedite and regulate the dispatch of business therein.

Sec. 13. The State shall have no right of appeal in criminal cases.

Sec. 14. Prosecutions may be commenced in courts of original jurisdiction as may be provided by law. Any person may, in the manner prescribed by law, after examination or commitment by a magistrate, waive indictment on a charge of felony punishable by not exceeding five years imprisonment, and all subsequent proceedings may be had by information before a court having jurisdiction of the offense. The Legislature shall throw sufficient safeguards around the administration of this waiver and trial.

Sec. 15. Each organized county in the State, now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people into precincts, not less than four nor more than eight. The existing divisions shall be respected and subsequent divisions shall be made by the commissioners court provided for by this Constitution, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. In each of such precincts there shall be elected at each biennial election one justice of the peace and one constable, each to hold office for two years and until the election and qualification of his successor; provided, that in precincts in which there may be a city of eight thousand inhabitants or more there shall be elected two justices of the peace. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction in criminal matters of all cases where the penalty or fine to be imposed by law may not be more than two hundred dollars, and in civil matters of all cases where the amount in controversy is two hundred dollars, or less, exclusive of interest, of which exclusive jurisdiction is not given to some other court, and such other jurisdiction, civil and criminal, as may be provided and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law. Appeals shall be allowed from the judgments of justices of the peace to the county court, where the judgment is for more than twenty dollars, exclusive of costs, and in all criminal cases, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. The justices of the peace shall be ex-officio notaries public and they shall hold their courts at such times and places as may be provided by law. The power of fixing such times and place may be conferred on the commissioners court of each county. Justices of the peace shall be paid a certain compensation to

be fixed by the commissioners court of each county and shall be based on the population of the precinct and the business coming before it. The Legislature shall provide proper regulations for fixing such salaries. The compensation of constables shall be fixed in a like manner.

Sec. 16. Officers and Their Election and Compensation.—There shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county, at the regular biennial elections, the following officers: A sheriff, a county attorney, a county clerk, and in counties having a population of more than eight thousand, a district clerk, and in such districts as may be deemed necessary by the Legislature, a district attorney. All such officers shall serve for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Legislature shall provide for the compensation of all said officers by fixing appropriate salaries thereto, based on population, business and such other conditions as may be provided by law. The county attorney shall represent the State in all cases in the district and inferior courts in their respective counties; but if any county shall be included in a district in which there is a district attorney, the respective duties of such county and district attorneys shall be regulated by the Legislature. Vacancies in any of the said offices shall be filled by the commissioners court until the next general election. The powers and duties of all these officers shall be fixed by law.

Sec. 17. County judges, county attorneys, clerks of the county and district courts, justices of the peace, constables and other county officers, including district attorneys, may be removed by the judges of the district courts for incompetency, official misconduct, habitual drunkenness or other causes defined by law upon the cause being set forth in writing, and the truth thereof found by a jury.

Sec. 18. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1918. At said election the vote shall be by official ballot, which shall have printed thereon or written thereon, at the top thereof, in plain letters, the words "Official Ballot." Said ballot shall also have written or printed thereon the words "For the amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution," and the words "Against the amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution." All voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment

to Article 5 of the Constitution" by making a mark through same, and those opposing said proposed amendment shall in like manner erase the words "For the amendment to Article 5 of the constitution."

Sec. 19. The Governor is hereby directed and authorized to submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State at the general election as set out in Section 19 above, and the sum of five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of issuing and publishing the proclamation and this amendment, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State.

Sec. 20. This amendment shall be put into effect by the Legislature at the next regular session thereof and all judges and other officers shall continue to discharge their respective duties under the present Constitution and laws until such action shall be taken by the Legislature.

The amendment was lost.

(Mr. Bryan in the chair.)

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved the previous question on the passage of the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurred on the passage of the resolution.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution failed to pass by the following vote (not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote):

Yeas—80.

Mr. Speaker.	Florer.
Baker.	Hardey.
Beard of Milam.	Hawkins.
Beason.	Hill.
Bedell.	Holland.
Bertram.	Johnson.
Blackmon.	Laas.
Blalock.	Lange.
Bledsoe.	Lee.
Boner.	McCoy.
Bryan.	Meador.
Butler.	Mendell.
Cadenhead.	Metcalf.
Canales.	Miller of Austin.
Carlock.	Miller of Dallas.
Clark.	Moore.
Cope.	Murrell.
Cox.	Neeley.
Crudgington.	Neill.
Davis of Grimes.	Nichols.
Davis	Nordhaus.
of Van Zandt	O'Banion.
De Bogory.	O'Brien.
Fisher.	Osborne.

Peddy.	Swope.
Pillow.	Templeton.
Poage.	Thomas.
Richards.	Thomason
Rogers.	of Nacogdoches.
Russell.	Thompson
Sackett.	of Hunt.
Sentell.	Tillotson.
Schlesinger.	Tilson.
Schlosshan.	Upchurch.
Scholl.	Valentine.
Seawright.	White.
Smith of Bastrop.	Williford.
Smith of Hopkins.	Wilson.
Smith of Scurry.	Woods.
Spencer of Nolan.	Woodul.
Spencer of Wise.	Yantis.
Stewart.	

Nays—44.

Bagby.	McMillin.
Beard of Harris.	Martin.
Beasley.	Morris.
Bell.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peyton.
Brown.	Pope.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Burton of Tarrant.	Reeves.
Dudley.	Robertson.
Dunnam.	Roemer.
Estes.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lindemann.	Tinner.
Lowe	Traylor.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
Low	Walker.
of Washington.	Williams
McComb.	of McLennan.
McDowra.	

Present—Not Voting.

Veatch.

Absent.

Bland.	Fitzpatrick.
Bryant.	Greenwood.
Cates.	Lacey.
Davis of Dallas.	Laney.
Denton.	McFarland.
Dodd.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	

Absent—Excused.

Monday.	Williams
Strayhorn.	of Brazoria.
Wahrmund.	

Mr. Spradley moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution failed to pass, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 424, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 69 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, and approved by the Governor on March 23, 1911, being an act entitled, 'An Act incorporating the Winnsboro Independent School District in Wood and Franklin counties, Texas, for free school purposes only, defining its boundaries and providing a board of trustees, divesting the city of Winnsboro of the control of its public schools and title to school property and vesting the same in said Winnsboro Independent School District and its board of trustees, prescribing the rights, powers, privileges and duties of said Winnsboro Independent School District and its board of trustees, and declaring an emergency.'"

S. B. No. 453, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of the Railroad Commissioners of this State."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27
ON FINAL PASSAGE.

Mr. Williams of McLennan called up, for consideration at this time, the motion to reconsider the vote by which House Joint Resolution No. 27 failed to pass, which motion to reconsider was, on today, duly spread upon the Journal.

Question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

The Speaker laid House Joint Resolution No. 27 before the House, on its final passage.

Mr. Moore moved the previous question on the passage of the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurred on the final passage of the resolution.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—108.

Mr. Speaker.	Beasley.
Bagby.	Beason.
Beard of Harris.	Bedell.
Beard of Milam.	Bell.

Blackburn.	Neeley.
Blackmon.	Neill.
Blalock.	Nichols.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Bledsoe.	O'Banion.
Boner.	Osborne.
Brown.	Parks.
Bryan.	Peddy.
Bryant.	Peyton.
Burton of Rusk.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Butler.	Pope.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Canales.	Richards.
Carlock.	Robertson.
Clark.	Roemer.
Cope.	Rogers.
Cox.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Schlesinger.
De Bogory.	Schlosshan.
Denton.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Wise.
Florer.	Spradley.
Fly.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Thomas.
Hardey.	Thomason
Hawkins.	of El Paso.
Hill.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson.	Thompson
Jones.	of Hunt.
Laas.	Thompson
Laney.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lindemann.	Tilson.
Low	Tinner.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
McFarland.	Valentine.
Martin.	Walker.
Meador.	White.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Woods.
Miller of Dallas.	Woodul.
Moore.	Yantis.
Morris.	

Nays—22.

Baker.	McDowra.
Bertram.	McMillin.
Haidusek.	Murrell.
Harris.	O'Brien.
Lacey.	Raiden.
Lanier.	Seawright.
Lee.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lowe	Stewart.
of McMullen.	Taylor.
McComb.	Trayler.

Veatch.	Wilson.
Williford.	

Absent.

Cates.	Holland.
Davis of Dallas.	Monday.
Dodd.	Templeton.
Fairchild.	Terrell.
Hartman.	

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn.	Williams
Wahrmund.	of Brazoria.

Mr. Nordhaus moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.
(Speaker in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 43 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Pillow called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 and 2 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, 1915, relating to the pay of jail guards, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Pillow, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Pillow moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 37 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the use and operation of vehicles upon the public highways and elsewhere; to provide for the licensing, registration and identification of motor vehicles and for the payment of registration therefor; to provide for the licensing of persons operating motor vehicles, etc."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Pending consideration of the bill, Mr. Blalock occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the

vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 499 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Mendell called up from the Speaker's table, with the Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so that hereafter said sections of Chapter 106 shall provide in substance for fixing the salaries of the members of the State Fire Insurance Commission; to limit the expenditure of said Commission in any one year to the sum produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth per cent of the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State; prescribing certain duties and powers of the State Fire Insurance Commission and the members thereof with respect to the fixing and promulgating of rates of premium, investigation of fires, and correction of fire hazards, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 135 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 135, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2939, Chapter 4, Title 49, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and to regulate elections, and prescribing certain qualifications of voters thereat, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by inserting next after the word "envelop," in line 20, page 2, the following: "Together with his poll tax receipt or exemption receipt if the voter is by law required to have one, or his affidavit as provided above, in case such receipt has been lost, and also accompanied by the affidavit of the party so offering to vote, that the ballot offered as above was made out in person

by himself without the aid, advice or assistance, in any manner, by any person or persons."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 135 was then passed.

Mr. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 149 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 126, Chapter 1, Article 7355, Section 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, on the question of taxation."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted

S. C. R. No. 23, Expressing appreciation of the sentiments of patriotism and State pride contained in message from citizens of Goliad, and reminding the people of Texas of the glorious memories of Goliad.

The Senate grants the request of the House for a Free Conference Committee on House bill No. 2, and has elected the following as members of said committee on the part of the Senate: Senators Dean, Strickland, Lattimore, Clark and Bailey.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 151 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make fraudulent advertising a penal offense, and prescribing a penalty, and making each day the same is committed a separate offense."

The bill was read third time.

(Mr. Pope in the chair.)

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 151 by striking out the words "or are" in line 22, page 1, and insert in lieu thereof the words "known to be."

The amendment was adopted.

Question recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—80.

Bagby.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Morris.
Beason.	Neill.
Blalock.	Nichols.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Boner.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Canales.	Poage.
Carlock.	Pope.
Clark.	Richards.
Davis of Grimes.	Robertson.
Davis	Roemer.
of Van Zandt.	Russell.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Estes.	Sentell.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlesinger.
Florer.	Schlosshan.
Fly.	Scholl.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Smith of Scurry.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hill.	Swope.
Holland.	Taylor.
Hudspeth.	Templeton.
Laas.	Thomas.
Lacey.	Thomason
Larley.	of El Paso.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tschoepe.
Lindemann.	Valentine.
McDowra.	Veatch.
McFarland.	Walker.
Martin.	Williams
Meador.	of McLennan.
Mendell.	Williford.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Nays—37.

Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Harris.	Butler.
Bedell.	Cadenhead.
Bertram.	Cope.
Blackburn.	Crudgington.
Blackmon.	De Bogory.
Bledsoe.	Denton.
Brown.	Fisher.

Lowe	Seawright.
of McMullen.	Spencer of Wise.
Low	Stewart.
of Washington.	Thompson
McComb.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Tillotson.
Metcalf.	Tinner.
Murrell.	Trayler.
Neeley.	Upchurch.
Peyton.	White.
Raiden.	Wilson.
Reeves.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Tilson.

Absent.

Beard of Milam.	Monday.
Bell.	Moore.
Cates.	Osborne.
Cox.	Pillow.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Terrell.
Hartman.	Thomason
Johnson.	of Nacogdoches.
Jones.	Woodul.
McCoy.	

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn.	Williams
Wahrmund.	of Brazoria.

Mr. Mendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit railroad corporations, by and with permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to change, relocate or abandon any portion of its line when without the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, and to change, re-locate or abandon any part of its line within the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the city council or board of aldermen of such city, town or village, and providing for the exercise of the right of eminent domain to acquire right of way and depot grounds when lines are changed or re-located, and validating such changes, re-

locations or abandonments, when heretofore made with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 157 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the commissioners court to publish notice of the time and place of the letting of any contract calling for or requiring the expenditure of five hundred dollars or more, of submitting same to competitive bids, and of publishing notice of the proposed letting of such contract, and providing that contracts made in violation of this act shall not be enforced and may be enjoined."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 173 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, or any other common carrier, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its, or their own use any article of freight received by it, or them, for transportation and delivery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee of such article; providing that the terms of this act are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Bryant offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 173 as engrossed by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, in this State to confiscate, or otherwise convert to its own use, any carload shipment or substantial portion of any such carload shipment of any article or commodity of freight traffic received by it, or them, for trans-

portation and delivery, without the express consent of the owner or consignee thereof, and the acts of the agents, officers and employees of such carrier or receiver within the apparent scope of their duties or authority with respect to such conversion or confiscation shall be deemed to be the acts of such railway company, receiver or other carrier. The provisions of this act shall not apply to conversion of freight where the same has been damaged or intermingled with other freight in wrecks.

"Sec. 2. In addition to all other remedies or penalties that may now be provided by law therefor, the violation of any of the provisions of Section 1 of this act shall subject the railway company, receiver or other common carrier so offending to a penalty of not less than one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500) dollars in favor of the State of Texas, and a further penalty of twice the amount of the purchase price of the converted shipment in favor of the owner or consignee thereof.

"Sec. 3. The terms, rights and remedies provided by this act are hereby declared to be cumulative of all other laws and the rights and remedies thereby provided upon the subject.

"Sec. 4. The terms of this act are hereby declared to be separable, and if for any reason any portion of the act should be held to be invalid, the remainder thereof shall remain in full force and effect. It is further declared that this act is intended to apply to all classes of freight traffic, but that if it should be held that the same may not constitutionally apply to certain portion or portions of such traffic, then it shall remain in full force and effect, nevertheless, and apply to all other such traffic.

"Sec. 5. The fact that there is now no adequate law to prevent the confiscation of articles and commodities of freight traffic in this State, or providing adequate remedies therefor, together with the fact that such articles are being unlawfully confiscated, resulting in suffering and inconvenience to the people, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days and that this act take effect upon and from its passage, and such rule is hereby suspended, and it is so enacted."

(2)

Amend committee amendment to House bill No. 173 at the end of Sec-

tion 1 by adding after the word "wrecks" the following: "nor to refused or unclaimed freight, the delivery of which the railroad is unable to effect."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 173, as engrossed by striking out all before the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, or other common carrier, or receiver thereof, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its, or their, own use any carload shipment or substantial portion of a carload shipment of any article or commodity of freight traffic received by it, or them, for transportation and delivery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee thereof; providing that the terms of this act are separable and are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency."

The amendments were adopted.

House bill No. 173 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 176 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all persons and warehousemen in this State, whether public or private, incorporated or unincorporated, who store cotton for hire in yards or other places not under shelter, but exposed to the weather, and in such a manner that the same shall come in contact with the soil, as well as exposed to the weather, and all public weighers who store cotton for hire in like manner, shall, in addition to all other liability, be responsible for all damages to cotton stored with them exposed as aforesaid, which may arise from such exposure or contact with the soil, and this regardless of the fact that the owner of the cotton may have actual knowledge and agreed orally, or in writing, as to the manner or place of storage, or agreed to waive all damage incident to such exposure; abolishing all defenses based upon any such knowledge, agreement or waiver; prescribing that all persons and corporations and public weighers who store cotton in the manner aforesaid, to be approved by the Board of Warehouse Supervisors;

prescribing the terms and conditions of the bond and the amount thereof creating offenses in violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Thomas offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 176, page 13, Section 3, line 2, by inserting after word "required" the words: "Provided, ginners who issue receipts for cotton stored in their yards at owner's risk are not subject to this act."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 176 by striking out the enacting clause.

Question recurring on the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—37.

Baker.	Murrell.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	Peyton.
Boner.	Poage.
Brown.	Reeves.
Bryant.	Roemer.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Burton of Tarrant.	Russell.
Cadenhead.	Sallas.
Cope.	Seawright.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tilson.
McComb.	Tinner.
McDowra.	Traylor.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Meador.	Walker.
Moore.	Williford.
Morris.	Wilson.

Nays—74.

Bagby.	Fisher.
Beasley.	Fitzpatrick.
Beason.	Fly.
Bedell.	Greenwood.
Bell.	Haidusek.
Blackburn.	Hardey.
Blalock.	Harris.
Bland.	Hill.
Bryan.	Holland.
Butler.	Hudspeth.
Canales.	Laas.
Carlock.	Laney.
Clark.	Lange.
Crudgington.	Lindemann.
Davis of Grimes.	Lowe
Dudley.	of McMullen.
Dunnam.	

Low	Smith of Hopkins.
of Washington.	Smith of Scurry.
McFarland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Martin.	Spradley.
Mendell.	Stewart.
Metcalfe.	Swope.
Miller of Austin.	Taylor.
Neeley.	Templeton.
Neill.	Thomas.
Nichols.	Thomason
Nordhaus.	of El Paso.
O'Brien.	Thomason
Osborne.	of Nacogdoches.
Parks.	Thompson
Peddy.	of Hunt.
Pope.	Tillotson.
Raiden.	Tschoepe.
Robertson.	Upchurch.
Sackett.	Valentine.
Sentell.	White.
Schlesinger.	Williams
Schlosshan.	of McLennan.
Scholl.	Yantis.
Smith of Bastrop.	

Present—Not Voting.

Denton.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Hartman.
Beard of Milam.	Johnson.
Bledsoe.	Jones.
Cates.	Lacey.
Cox.	McCoy.
Davis of Dallas.	Monday.
Davis	Pillow.
of Van Zandt.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Terrell.
Estes.	Woods.
Fairchild.	Woodul.
Florer.	

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn.	Williams
Wahrmund.	of Brazoria.

Paired.

Mr. Miller of Dallas (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Spencer of Wise (absent), who would vote "yea."

Br. Bland offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend bill by changing the word "workhousemen" to "warehousemen" wherever it occurs.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Schlesinger offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 176 by striking out all of Section 1 after the word "soil" in line 35 of said bill.

(2)

Amend House bill No. 176 by striking out after the word "both" in line 19, Section 2, all of said bill down to and including the word "soil" in line 22.

(3)

Amend caption of House bill No. 176 by striking out in line 16 all words after the word "soil" down to and including the word "waiver" in line 20.

The amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Holland moved the previous question on the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The House refused to pass the bill by the following vote:

Yeas—48.

Bagby.	McFarland.
Beason.	Martin.
Blackburn.	Mendell.
Blackmon.	Metcalfe.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Boner.	Neill.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Clark.	Parks.
Davis of Grimes.	Pope.
Dudley.	Raiden.
Fisher.	Richards.
Fly.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Swope.
Laas.	Templeton.
Lange.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	

Nays—53.

Baker.	Hawkins.
Beasley.	Hudspeth.
Bertram.	Lee.
Blalock.	McComb.
Brown.	McDowra.
Bryant.	McMillin.
Burton of Rusk.	Meador.
Butler.	Moore.
Cadenhead.	Morris.
Canales.	Murrell.
Cope.	Neeley.
Cox.	Nichols.
Crudgington.	O'Banion.

Osborne.	Thomas.
Peddy.	Thomason
Peyton.	of Nacogdoches.
Poage.	Tilson.
Reeves.	Tinner.
Roemer.	Traylor.
Rogers.	Upchurch.
Russell.	Veatch.
Sallas.	Walker.
Sentell.	White.
Schlosshan.	Williford.
Seawright.	Wilson.
Spencer of Nolan.	Woods.
Stewart.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Spradley.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Johnson.
Beard of Milam.	Jones.
Bedell.	Lacey.
Bell.	Laney.
Bledsoe.	Lanier.
Burton of Tarrant.	McCoy.
Cates.	Monday.
Davis of Dallas.	Pillow.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Sholars.
De Bogory.	Taylor.
Denton.	Terrell.
Dodd.	Thomason
Dunnam.	of El Paso.
Estes.	Thompson
Fairchild.	of Red River.
Fitzpatrick.	Williams
Florer.	of McLennan.
Hartman.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Strayhorn.	Williams
Wahrmond.	of Brazoria.

Paired.

Mr. Miller of Dallas (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Spencer of Wise (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Sallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 424, to Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 328, to Committee on Common Carriers.

S. B. No. 184, to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

S. B. No. 311, to Committee on Agriculture.

S. B. No. 334, to Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 385, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 451, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 408, to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

S. B. No. 453 to Judiciary Committee.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Smith of Scurry, Mr. Sackett and Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 804, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing for the establishment of a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in that portion of Western Texas lying west of the 98th meridian and north of the 39th parallel, to be known as the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College; so as to provide for the appointment of a president and professors of said college and such other officers from time to time as may be necessary; to provide for the place of residence of such president, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Roemer:

H. B. No. 805, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 909 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 135 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, prescribing the size of certain fish that may be taken; to amend Article 4010 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911; as amended by Chapter 146 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature of Texas; prescribing the terms upon which permits shall be granted for the dredging of oyster reefs, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

RECESS.

Mr. Fisher moved that the House recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. O'Banion moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Lee moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

The motion of Mr. Fisher prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., took recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REMARKS OF MR. DE BOGORY.

The following remarks of Mr. De Bogory are printed in the Journal by order of the House:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House:

Before entering the political field I did not realize that the conditions could exist in Texas as I have found them. This is my first political experience, and I think it will be the last.

By way of explanation to the House, some few weeks ago my children were exposed to chickenpox, which they in course of time duly developed. Not thinking that an adult would be liable to contract this disease, I was in close contact with them and this disease developed in me also. My physician and several other physicians, by reason of the number of cases of smallpox in Austin, made a close examination of me and determined that my disease was nothing but chickenpox. Some few days after becoming sick, a member of the House came to see me and made several apologies for his visit, as I was not personally acquainted with him at the time. The next day a telegram was sent to Dr. Collins at Houston to come to Austin to investigate my condition, he being at the head of the State Health Department. He and several doctors of the House then examined me, and Dr. Collins stated to me that I did not have anything but chickenpox. However, the physicians of the House, appointed on a committee, made a report that I was afflicted with chickenpox or varioloid, or a complication of both, upon an examination lasting only about a half minute. Dr. Collins then placed me under my honor that I would stay at home until I got a discharge from my physician and Dr. Woolsey, the city health officer, which discharge was given me Wednesday morning; and Dr. Collins stated to me that the purpose of this was that I might not infect the members with chickenpox. Wednesday afternoon, after obtaining my discharge, Dr. Collins tele-

phoned to me at my room, without seeing me any more after I had been discharged by my physician and the city health officer, and required that I stay in my room until Thursday. At that time it was thought that the vote on submission would be had on Wednesday.

After my consideration of the members of the House and my voluntary absence from the House for almost the full period of my sickness and up to the time of the examination by the physicians, although I was physically fit to mingle with them, it pains me that any member should assume the attitude of Mr. Metcalfe, that he has evidenced here, after I have complied with the requirements of every physician that has made an examination of me and after having been pronounced cured and that there would be no possible chance of infection from me.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 796, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 790, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 794, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 792, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 789, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 795, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 407, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 791, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 167, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Beason has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Mines and Mining, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 357, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEARD of Milam, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 204, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WILLIFORD, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room;
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 138, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Civil Procedure, to whom was referred
House bill No. 569, have had the same
under consideration and I am instructed
to report it back to the House with the
recommendation that it do not pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in
Civil Procedure, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 368, have had the same
under consideration and I am instructed
to report it back to the House with the
recommendation that it do pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REV- ENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue
and Taxation, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 95, have had the same
under consideration and I am instructed
to report it back to the House with the
recommendation that it do pass. Mr.
Crudgington has been appointed to make
a full report thereon.

NEILL, Chairman.

REPORT OF PENITENTIARY CLAIMS AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your committee, who was ap-
pointed to audit Prison Commission
claims created prior to January 7, 1915,
would respectfully submit that we have
carefully examined into all the claims
in the list submitted in the report of
Mr. A. L. Elliott, Auditor, which list
is herewith attached, amounting to
\$501,126.98. We also herewith attach
the sworn statement of Mr. A. L.
Elliott as to correctness.

We find all these claims have come
up to the requirements made by us

upon the claimant, and are just, and
should be paid, and we would recom-
mend that an appropriation should be
made to pay them promptly. We would
submit that a great injustice has been
done these claimants by being long de-
layed in their payment, and we urge
that the Legislature take prompt meas-
ure to pay these claims. We have pre-
pared a bill, which we will offer, mak-
ing an appropriation to pay the same.
We also have on hand claims amount-
ing to \$100,000 that we have not rec-
ommended for payment. Many of these
claims we believe would be all right,
but in the limited time given us we
have not been able to give them the
examination that we feel they ought to
have. Some of them we would recom-
mend that they be not paid, or that we
would recommend that they all be fur-
ther investigated. We recommend that
that the committee be continued, how-
ever, until the end of the term so as
these claims can be further adjusted,
which will aid in their payment at a
later date.

In our investigation, we want to say
that we have had the hearty co-opera-
tion of the Prison Commission officials
and Comptroller Terrell, and the At-
torney General's Office has always been
at our service in our investigation.
Also our Auditor, Mr. A. L. Elliott,
has been prompt in watching the de-
tails.

Respectfully submitted,
POAGE, Chairman;
REEVES,
BRYAN,
METCALFE,
FAIRCHILD.

House of Representatives,
State of Texas.

Austin, February 22, 1917.

Mr. W. A. Poage, Chairman Prison
Claims Auditing Committee, Austin,
Texas.

Dear Sir: In accordance with your
instructions, I have made a careful
audit of the claims presented to me for
attention, and find the following claims
are proved up as correct according to
the requirements as outlined by you.
The total amount listed herewith
amounts to \$501,126.98.

There are about sixty more claims
filed, which lack proof. These claim-
ants have all been notified to furnish
additional data, to be attached to claim.

These claims amount to approximately \$100,000.

Very truly,
A. L. ELLIOTT,
Auditor for Committee.

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Travis.

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared A. L. Elliott, who, being duly sworn, says that the foregoing and attached ten pages contain a true and correct list of the claims he has audited and ap-

proved, and the amounts set opposite each name, therein written, are correct, according to the sworn statements furnished by each claimant, and agree with the records in the office of the Prison Commission as per statement furnished the committee by the Prison Board.

A. L. ELLIOTT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1917.

(Seal.)

N. SIMPSON,

Notary Public for Travis County,
Texas.

CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT.

NAME.	CITY.	STATE.	Per cent interest.	Date of Maturity.	Amount.
ne Cotton Seed Co.	Lockhart.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	\$ 10,540 00
ne Cotton Seed Co.	Lockhart.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	1,030 10
an, Eilers Co.	Austin.	Texas.	8	Jan. 15, 1916	2,235 55
an, Eilers Co.	Austin.	Texas.	8	Oct. 25, 1915	730 35
ota Cooperage Co.	Navasota.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	183 33
ota Cooperage Co.	Navasota.	Texas.	8	Jan. 1, 1915	610 47
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	7	Oct. 1, 1914	256 01
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	7	Oct. 1, 1914	305 45
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	6	Oct. 1, 1914	318 82
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Oct. 1, 1914	4,431 57
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Oct. 25, 1914	349 55
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Oct. 26, 1914	3,642 32
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Oct. 28, 1914	3,313 21
& Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Oct. 20, 1914	1,738 10
ellers & Co.	Philadelphia.	Pennsylvania.	6	Nov. 23, 1914	145 44
ellers & Co.	Philadelphia.	Pennsylvania.	6	Nov. 23, 1914	145 63
ern Pine Lumber Co.	Texarkana.	Texas.	7	Nov. 23, 1914	111 48
ern Pine Lumber Co.	Texarkana.	Texas.	7	April 5, 1915	3,010 47
Tariff Bureau.	Austin.	Texas.	6	Jan. 1, 1915	31 53
and Pacific Coal Co.	Thurber.	Texas.	7	Feb. 11, 1914	1,756 78
and Pacific Coal Co.	Thurber.	Texas.	7	Feb. 1, 1914	149 97
y Mill and Elevator Co.	Gainesville.	Texas.	8	Nov. 1, 1915	5,152 39
y Mill and Elevator Co.	Gainesville.	Texas.	8	Nov. 1, 1915	5,790 79
y Mill and Elevator Co.	Gainesville.	Texas.	7	Nov. 1, 1915	2,092 74
Bag and Fiber Co.	Houston.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	114 75
na County Lumber Co.	Keltys.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	116 55
na County Lumber Co.	Keltys.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	488 56
na County Lumber Co.	Keltys.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	737 20
na County Lumber Co.	Keltys.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	769 93
na County Lumber Co.	Keltys.	Texas.	8	Jan. 24, 1914	128 60
Bell Lumber Co.	Kansas City.	Missouri.	8	July 1, 1915	57 36
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Jan. 1, 1915	85,518 15
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Oct. 1, 1914	11,600 15
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	3,378 17
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Jan. 1, 1914	1,287 55
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	1,222 73
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Jan. 1, 1915	1,072 53
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Jan. 1, 1914	687 04
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	153 05
r & Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	78 00
s Valley Cotton Mills.	West.	Texas.	7	July 1, 1915	2,337 57
n Electric and Machinery Co.	Houston.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1914	186 14
n Electric and Machinery Co.	Houston.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	214 90
n Electric and Machinery Co.	Houston.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	105 92
n Electric and Machinery Co.	Houston.	Texas.	8	Oct. 1, 1914	93 53

en Electric and Machinery Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Dec. 1, 1914	84.07
en Electric and Machinery Co.	Houston	Texas	8	June 30, 1915	128.08
on-Ferguson Dry Goods Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	8	April 1, 1916	358.78
Refining Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	362.98
Pipe Line Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1914	606.85
Pipe Line Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	1,021.19
Pipe Line Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 20, 1914	260.30
Pipe Line Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Dec. 11, 1914	3,586.26
Avery & Sons Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	July 1, 1915	751.88
Avery & Sons Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	Oct. 1, 1915	3,161.57
r S. Keifer Tanning Co.	Chicago	Illinois	8	July 1, 1916	380.52
ral Coal and Coke Co.	Kansas City	Missouri	6	Dec. 31, 1914	2,317.20
ral Coal and Coke Co.	Kansas City	Missouri	6	May 1, 1912	1,079.60
Deere Plow Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	July 28, 1914	1,501.46
Deere Plow Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	258.29
Deere Plow Co.	Dallas	Texas	7	Sept. 4, 1914	2,427.27
Deere Plow Co.	Dallas	Texas	7	Sept. 4, 1914	240.93
Deere Plow Co.	Dallas	Texas	7	Feb. 1, 1914	540.87
Deere Plow Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	Nov. 1, 1915	565.27
ons Hardware Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	8	Nov. 23, 1914	526.54
ons Hardware Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	6	Jan. 1, 1915	53.22
hy Packing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	April 1, 1914	12,213.65
hy Packing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	July 16, 1914	4,044.16
hy Packing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	Sept. 1, 1914	5,124.50
hy Packing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	Sept. 26, 1914	10,417.59
hy Packing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	Oct. 3, 1914	715.83
hy Packing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	Oct. 8, 1914	4,440.15
Boyd & Co.	Nashville	Tennessee	6	Nov. 23, 1914	92.07
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Feb. 1, 1914	71.06
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	7	April 1, 1914	196.19
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Aug. 21, 1914	111.61
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	217.15
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	129.86
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	259.09
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	521.19
hwestern General Electric Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1915	76.52
er Sewing Machine Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	215.88
er Sewing Machine Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	July 1, 1915	181.73
Iron Stone Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	6	July 1, 1915	187.90
Iron Stone Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	6	July 1, 1915	1,832.97
Iron Stone Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	6	July 1, 1915	738.11
Iron Stone Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	6	July 1, 1915	501.86
Iron Stone Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	6	July 1, 1915	442.65
hardt & Schultz Co.	Houston	Texas	7	Jan. 4, 1916	388.36
Padgett Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Nov. 1, 1916	2,144.71
Padgett Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1916	4,932.76
Manufacturing Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	April 1, 1915	1,404.37
Manufacturing Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	April 1, 1915	217.57
Manufacturing Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	April 1, 1915	328.57
Manufacturing Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	April 1, 1915	60.15
Manufacturing Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	May 1, 1915	6,577.93
n Seed Fertilizer	New Orleans	Louisiana	8	Feb. 24, 1915	324.88

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NAME.	CITY.	STATE.	Per cent interest.	Date of Maturity.	Amount.
Oil Co.	Houston	Texas	7	July 1, 1915	\$ 5,083 56
m Hat Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Nov. 4, 1916	93 22
y River Lumber Co.	Houston	Texas	6	April 1, 1916	97 83
White Lime Co.	Austin	Texas	8	Aug. 1, 1914	916 24
White Lime Co.	Austin	Texas	6	Sept. 4, 1914	114 02
White Lime Co.	Austin	Texas	6	Sept. 4, 1914	106 05
ern Drug Co.	Austin	Texas	6	Jan. 27, 1916	9,455 28
on Packing Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1915	1,813 70
on Packing Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1915	123 22
n Sewall & Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Nov. 25, 1915	1,241 45
ern Unadilla Silo Co.	Beaumont	Texas	8	Sept. 1, 1914	160 00
ts Manning	Lockhart	Texas	8	July 1, 1915	692 71
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Jan. 9, 1914	91 93
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Mar. 8, 1914	251 10
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	April 15, 1914	767 50
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	May 15, 1914	837 30
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	June 15, 1914	870 75
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Aug. 15, 1914	913 35
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Oct. 15, 1914	925 85
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 15, 1914	863 50
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	July 15, 1914	836 60
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Nov. 15, 1914	833 45
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Dec. 15, 1914	436 50
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Jan. 5, 1915	433 50
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	130 76
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	55 03
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	138 97
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	81 07
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	64 66
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	102 42
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	162 59
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	105 65
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	112 49
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	68 81
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	65 78
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	92 29
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	57 73
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	147 56
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	7	Oct. 1, 1914	241 49
on County Coal and Manufacturing Co.	Crockett	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	149 67
s & Ott Manufacturing Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	83 67
s & Ott Manufacturing Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	201 19
s & Ott Manufacturing Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	300 91
y Mills	Ft. Worth	Texas	8	April 1, 1915	99 67
Bute Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	1,332 34

es Bute Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1915	987 05
International Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1915	4,188 80
Fondren	Maydelle	Texas	7	July 28, 1915	114 24
s-Bement Bond Co.	New York City	New York	6	April 1, 1916	2,957 29
oso Lumber Co.	Memphis	Tennessee	6	Oct. 15, 1916	985 16
Lowell Shops	Boston	Massachusetts	6	Nov. 11, 1916	1,293 20
Fay & Egan Co.	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	April 1, 1916	479 45
Fay & Egan Co.	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	April 1, 1916	798 25
Fay & Egan Co.	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	July 1, 1916	91 06
ng Cortes Hardware Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 14, 1914	105 19
ng Cortes Hardware Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Nov. 1, 1914	62 38
ng Cortes Hardware Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Nov. 2, 1914	581 58
ng Cortes Hardware Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	171 55
ng Cortes Hardware Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	122 87
ng Cortes Hardware Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Sept. 4, 1914	175 49
& A. P. Ry. Co.	San Antonio	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	7 55
an-Allnoch Dry Goods Co.	Houston	Texas	6	Nov. 4, 1916	62 12
y Lumber Co.	Houston	Texas	7	Nov. 23, 1914	219 49
on Iron and Steel Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 14, 1916	9,610 80
ms Elting Co.	Chicago	Illinois	6	Oct. 15, 1915	1,299 80
ms Elting Co.	Chicago	Illinois	8	Oct. 19, 1915	291 68
F. McAtee & Sons	Houston	Texas	8	Nov. 4, 1915	723 44
uss Bodenheim Saddlery Co.	Houston	Texas	6	June 30, 1915	267 35
uss Bodenheim Saddlery Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	734 90
uss Bodenheim Saddlery Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 4, 1916	171 35
er Tips Co.	Austin	Texas	7	Jan. 1, 1914	604 44
l-Baettcher Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1914	122 57
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	1,476 98
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	394 95
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	842 17
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	884 71
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	708 56
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	412 80
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	517 56
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	455 67
Y. Heitman Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	160 50
per Grocery Co.	Waco	Texas	6	Aug. 1, 1916	1,021 40
I. Hughes Co.	San Antonio	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	74 00
Murray Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1916	6,242 90
Murray Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1916	505 20
Murray Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	299 81
as Star Flour Mills	Galveston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	516 08
as Star Flour Mills	Galveston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	388 38
as Star Flour Mills	Galveston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	158 18
as Star Flour Mills	Galveston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	406 04
as Star Flour Mills	Galveston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	875 23
as Star Flour Mills	Galveston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	499 10
st. Peterson, adm. estate Thos. B. Pearson	Richmond	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	127 80
er Bros.	Dallas	Texas	6	July 28, 1916	320 68
er Bros.	Dallas	Texas	6	Oct. 1, 1914	1 284 81
er Bros.	Dallas	Texas	6	April 1, 1914	5,239 81
er Bros.	Dallas	Texas	6	Sept. 4, 1914	737 66

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NAME.	CITY.	STATE.	Per cent interest.	Date of Maturity.	Amount.
er Bros.	Dallas.	Texas.	6	Sept. 4, 1914	\$ 256 40
er Bros.	Dallas.	Texas.	6	Sept. 4, 1914	1,128 83
er Bros.	Dallas.	Texas.	8	Dec. 11, 1914	1,060 69
k Hardware Co.	Galveston.	Texas.	8	Oct. 1, 1914	746 16
k Hardware Co.	Galveston.	Texas.	8	Oct. 1, 1914	161 33
k Hardware Co.	Galveston.	Texas.	6	Mar. 1, 1916	1,443 24
tsville State Bank.	Huntsville.	Texas.	7	April 1, 1916	4,065 49
tsville State Bank.	Huntsville.	Texas.	8	Nov. 1, 1916	2,555 82
tsville State Bank.	Huntsville.	Texas.	7	Feb. 7, 1916	503 83
tsville State Bank.	Huntsville.	Texas.	8	June 21, 1916	1,203 22
tsville State Bank.	Huntsville.	Texas.	6	Sept. 1, 1916	927 18
tsville State Bank.	Huntsville.	Texas.	8	June 25, 1916	242 27
A. Sims.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	6	April 27, 1916	199 36
ers Co.	Voch.	Texas.	7	April 1, 1916	93 20
h Lumber Co.	Dallas.	Texas.	7	May 25, 1916	257 10
n & Orendorff Co.	Dallas.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1916	271 66
s Portland Cement Co.	Austin.	Texas.	8	Nov. 23, 1914	139 51
. Page & Bro.	Milwaukee.	Wisconsin.	6	July 1, 1915	15,796 02
er Vogel Leather Co.	N. Ft. Worth.	Texas.	6	Jan. 1, 1916	1,118 73
D. Rominger & Co.	N. Ft. Worth.	Texas.	7	Jan. 1, 1916	315 58
D. Rominger & Co.	N. Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	Jan. 1, 1916	6,185 62
. Team Mule Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	7	July 5, 1915	11,085 48
. Team Mule Co.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	July 5, 1915	15,365 00
er Bros.	Galveston.	Texas.	8	June 1, 1916	2,006 85
nt Locomotive and Car Works.	Houston.	Texas.	8	April 1, 1916	160 36
alh Hardware and Furniture Co.	DeKalb.	Texas.	8	May 1, 1916	508 93
btman & Loeb Co.	New Orleans.	Louisiana.	8	Nov. 23, 1915	273 06
Addicks.	Huntsville.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	146 81
J. R. Wooten.	Columbus.	Texas.	6	Oct. 16, 1916	200 16
ke Manufacturing and Supply Co.	St. Louis.	Missouri.	8	April 1, 1916	113 57
son & Co.	Houston.	Texas.	6	Jan. 1, 1915	100 00
. Nicholson.	Dallas.	Texas.	7	July 1, 1915	449 08
Bacon Saunders.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	8	July 5, 1916	264 90
Bacon Saunders.	Ft. Worth.	Texas.	7	July 5, 1916	73 80
g Manufacturing Co.	Houston.	Texas.	7	Nov. 23, 1914	100 91
g Manufacturing Co.	Houston.	Texas.	7	Nov. 23, 1914	135 14
e Machinery Co.	Cleveland.	Ohio.	6	Oct. 1, 1914	218 00
ett Gin Co.	Amite.	Louisiana.	8	July 25, 1916	84 45
ett Gin Co.	Amite.	Louisiana.	6	July 15, 1916	79 14
Wheland Co.	Chattanooga.	Tennessee.	6	July 1, 1916	453 63
y National Bank.	Des Moines.	Iowa.	7	Oct. 1, 1916	806 37
ston Drug Co.	Houston.	Texas.	6	April 20, 1914	220 76
ston Drug Co.	Houston.	Texas.	6	April 20, 1914	178 22
ston Drug Co.	Houston.	Texas.	8	Sept. 4, 1914	97 80
ston Drug Co.	Houston.	Texas.	7	Sept. 4, 1914	323 65

ston Drug Co.	Houston	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	902 67
ata Woolen Mills	Atlanta	Georgia	6	Oct. 1, 1914	204 11
ata Woolen Mills Co.	Atlanta	Georgia	6	Oct. 1, 1914	134 98
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	8	July 1, 1915	200 89
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	8	July 1, 1915	774 87
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	6	July 1, 1915	280 63
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	7	July 1, 1915	158 32
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	8	July 1, 1915	266 55
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	8	July 1, 1915	186 12
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	7	July 1, 1915	148 40
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	7	July 1, 1915	857 97
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	7	Nov. 1, 1915	4,346 53
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	7	May 15, 1916	684 15
ock Bros. & Co.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	7	July 16, 1916	1,138 98
ey Company	Dallas	Texas	8	Jan. 10, 1916	155 55
nd Machine and Manufacturing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	6	Nov. 23, 1916	501 75
nd Machine and Manufacturing Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	Nov. 23, 1916	118 20
th Drug Co.	Austin	Texas	8	Nov. 4, 1915	953 97
ern Implement and Machinery Co.	Houston	Texas	8	July 1, 1915	919 25
Johnson, Jr.	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	7	July 24, 1915	1,425 84
Leather Co.	New York City	New York	7	Sept. 4, 1914	96 97
Leather Co.	New York City	New York	7	Sept. 4, 1914	752 86
Wilson Hardware Co.	Beaumont	Texas	7	May 10, 1916	114 76
ury & Johnson	New York City	New York	6	Jan. 1, 1915	278 09
olia Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	506 41
Belt Company	New Orleans	Louisiana	8	April 1, 1916	826 11
obell Iron Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	8	April 1, 1916	69 96
S. Bing	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	July 1, 1916	782 17
S. Bing	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	Oct. 1, 1916	1,000 00
S. Bing	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	Oct. 1, 1916	1,000 00
S. Bing	Cincinnati	Ohio	6	Oct. 1, 1916	358 05
National Bank	Lovelady	Texas	7	Feb. 1, 1914	400 00
er & Mullins	Simonton	Texas	8	Mar. 27, 1914	1,437 00
ern Skein and Foundry Co.	Chattanooga	Tennessee	6	July 1, 1916	137 88
ican Hoist and Derrick Co.	St. Paul	Minnesota	6	Jan. 1, 1916	1,047 95
Scarborough & Sons	Austin	Texas	8	April 1, 1915	215 15
Adams & Co.	Indianapolis	Indiana	7	Nov. 23, 1916	62 70
itt Manufacturing Co.	Lockport	New York	6	Oct. 1, 1914	251 04
F. Ransom	Richmond	Texas	7	Oct. 1, 1914	808 14
Yates Machine Co.	Beloit	Wisconsin	6	Nov. 23, 1914	127 88
E. I. Ry. Co.	Chicago	Illinois	6	Jan. 1, 1915	25 60
on-Rice	Richmond	Texas	7	July 1, 1915	99 12
ert & Goslin	Birmingham	Alabama	6	Jan. 1, 1915	450 32
k-Neal Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	7	May 1, 1914	1,880 97
k-Neal Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	6	July 22, 1914	830 50
k-Neal Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Sept. 1, 1914	1,092 00
k-Neal Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	6	Sept. 4, 1914	397 78
k-Neal Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	6	Sept. 4, 1914	229 77
k-Neal Coffee Co.	Houston	Texas	6	Sept. 4, 1914	188 13
rot & Adoue	Galveston	Texas	6	Nov. 18, 1915	1,019 40
rot & Adoue	Galveston	Texas	6	July 1, 1915	102 36
y Frog and Switch Co.	Birmingham	Alabama	6	Nov. 23, 1914	186 89

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Howe Scale Co.	New York City	New York	6	July 1, 1916	\$ 92 12
Winks, Morse & Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	7	Oct. 1, 1914	83 69
Bank and Trust Co.	Galveston	Texas	6	Jan. 10, 1917	238 39
D. Cleveland & Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Jan. 31, 1915	13,006 06
Polia Cotton Oil Co.	Houston	Texas	7	Nov. 23, 1914	172 70
e-Fordyce Oil Association	Houston	Texas	8	Oct. 1, 1916	7,511 42
e-Fordyce Oil Association	Houston	Texas	8	April 1, 1916	-1,155 46
e-Fordyce Oil Association	Houston	Texas	8	May 10, 1916	143 52
Polia Petroleum Co.	Dallas	Texas	8	July 1, 1916	8,440 97
Polia Petroleum Co.	Dallas	Texas	6	Oct. 1, 1916	8,669 74
Schumacher Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Nov. 1, 1915	9,483 60
Schumacher Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Dec. 18, 1915	4,390 45
Schumacher Co.	Houston	Texas	8	Dec. 22, 1916	-112 75
rt Trostell & Sons Co.	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	6	April 1, 1916	430 24
ago, Rock Island & Gulf Ry. Co.	Austin	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	9 45
ago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.	Austin	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	100 55
ouis Southwestern Ry. Co.	Austin	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	567 91
ican Laundry Machine Co.	Cincinnati	Ohio	8	Oct. 4, 1916	1,371 39
T. Ryerson & Co.	Chicago	Illinois	6	Jan. 4, 1914	2,240 23
T. Ryerson & Co.	Chicago	Illinois	6	Nov. 23, 1914	225 45
T. Ryerson & Co.	Chicago	Illinois	6	Dec. 11, 1914	2,604 80
t & Co.	Bedford	Virginia	7	Aug. 7, 1915	609 95
t & Co.	Bedford	Virginia	7	Oct. 15, 1915	7,848 35
inger Lime Co.	New Braunfels	Texas	8	Jan. 1, 1915	125 41
National Bank	Palestine	Texas	8	Dec. 1, 1916	797 87
Star Spoke Co.	Fayetteville	Arkansas	7	July 1, 1916	496 79
Orphans Home	Corsicana	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	359 00
Engineering and Machinery Co.	Atlanta	Georgia	7	July 1, 1916	1,191 55
Reid & Co.	Chicago	Illinois	6	Jan. 1, 1915	141 29
Polia Paper Co.	Houston	Texas	6	Sept. 1, 1916	1,190 76
Hirsch Cooperage Co.	Houston	Texas	6	April 1, 1916	119 51
Hirsch Cooperage Co.	Houston	Texas	6	April 1, 1916	53 80
Schwartz Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	Jan. 2, 1916	119 13
Schwartz Co.	New Orleans	Louisiana	7	July 20, 1916	140 06
onal Lumber and Creosoting Co	Texarkana	Arkansas	8	Nov. 23, 1914	158 49
Phillipson	New York City	New York	8	Nov. 27, 1916	629 70
ch Masterson	Galveston	Texas	6	Jan. 1, 1915	303 85
Cason	Nacogdoches	Texas	7	Sept. 1, 1914	108 19
onal Bank of Commerce	Dallas	Texas	8	Mar. 1, 1916	818 13
Total					\$501,126 98